

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

BIG RIVER TELEPHONE CO., LLC,     )  
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          Plaintiff,                                     )  
   )  
          v.   )     Case No. 4:18 CV 733 CDP  
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MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE,     )  
   )  
          Defendant.                                 )

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER - TRACK 2: STANDARD**

Pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act Expense and Delay Reduction Plan and the Differentiated Case Management Program of the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri, and the Rule 16 Conference held on **July 12, 2018**,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following schedule shall apply in this case, and will be modified only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances:

**I. SCHEDULING PLAN**

1. This case has been assigned to Track 2 (Standard).
2. Any motion for joinder of additional parties or amendment of pleadings shall be filed no later than **September 4, 2018**.
3. Discovery shall proceed in the following manner:
  - (a) The parties shall make all disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1), Fed. R. Civ. P., no later than **August 6, 2018**.

(b) The parties do not expect to use expert witnesses in this case. If this expectation changes, the parties shall contact the Court immediately so that a conference may be held to schedule appropriate expert deadlines under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2).

(c) The presumptive limits of ten (10) depositions per side as set forth in Rule 30(a)(2)(A), Fed. R. Civ. P., and twenty-five (25) interrogatories per party as set forth in Rule 33(a), Fed. R. Civ. P., shall apply.

(d) The parties shall complete all discovery in this case no later than **October 19, 2018**.

(e) Motions to compel shall be pursued in a diligent and timely manner, but in no event filed more than seven (7) days following the discovery deadline set out above.

4. This case will be referred to alternative dispute resolution effective **October 15, 2018**, and that reference shall terminate on **December 17, 2018**.

5. Any motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions for judgment on the pleadings, or any motions to limit or exclude expert testimony must be filed no later than **February 11, 2019**. Opposition briefs shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the motion or **March 13, 2019**, whichever is earlier. Any reply brief may be filed no later than ten (10) days following the response brief or **March 25, 2019**, whichever is earlier.

## **II. ORDER RELATING TO TRIAL**

This action is set for a **JURY** trial on **Monday, July 15, 2019**, at **8:30 a.m.** This is a **two** week docket.

Pursuant to Local Rule 8.04 the Court may tax against one or all parties the per diem, mileage, and other expenses of providing a jury for the parties, when the case is terminated or settled by the parties at a time too late to cancel the jury attendance or to use the summoned jurors in another trial, unless good cause for the delayed termination or settlement is shown.

**In this case, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the attorneys shall, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for trial:**

1. **Stipulation:** Meet and jointly prepare and file with the Clerk a JOINT Stipulation of all uncontested facts, which may be read into evidence subject to any objections of any party set forth in said stipulation (including a brief summary of the case which may be used on Voir Dire).

2. **Witnesses:**

(a) Deliver to opposing counsel, and to the Clerk, a list of all proposed witnesses, identifying those witnesses who will be called to testify and those who may be called.

(b) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to call any witnesses not listed in compliance with this Order.

3. **Exhibits:**

(a) Mark for identification all exhibits to be offered in evidence at the trial (Plaintiffs to use Arabic numerals and defendants to use letters, e.g., Pltf.-1, Deft.-A, or Pltf. Jones-1, Deft. Smith-A, if there is more than one plaintiff or defendant), and deliver to opposing counsel and to the Clerk a list of such exhibits, identifying those that will be introduced into evidence and those that may be introduced. The list shall clearly indicate for each business record whether the proponent seeks to authenticate the business record by affidavit or declaration pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 902(11) or 902(12).

(b) Submit said exhibits or true copies thereof, and copies of all affidavits or declarations pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 902(11) or 902(12), to opposing counsel for examination. Prior to trial, the parties shall stipulate which exhibits may be introduced without objection or preliminary identification, and shall file written objections to all other exhibits.

(c) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to offer any exhibits not identified or not submitted by said party for examination by opposing counsel in compliance with this Order. Any objections not made in writing at least ten (10) days prior to trial may be considered waived.

4. **Depositions, Interrogatory Answers, and Request for Admissions:**

(a) Deliver to opposing counsel and to the Clerk a list of all interrogatory answers or parts thereof and depositions or parts thereof (identified by page and line numbers), and answers to requests for admissions proposed to be

offered in evidence. At least ten (10) days before trial, opposing counsel shall state in writing any objections to such testimony and shall identify any additional portions of such depositions not listed by the offering party which opposing counsel proposes to offer.


(b) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to offer any interrogatory answer, or deposition or part thereof, or answer to a request for admissions not listed in compliance with this Order. Any objections not made as above required may be considered waived.

**5. Instructions:** Submit to the Court and to opposing counsel their written request for instructions and forms of verdicts reserving the right to submit requests for additional or modified instructions at least ten (10) days before trial in light of opposing party's requests for instructions. (Each request must be supported by at least one pertinent citation.)

**6. Trial Brief:** Submit to the Court and opposing counsel a trial brief stating the legal and factual issues and authorities relied on and discussing any anticipated substantive or procedural problems.

**7. Motions In Limine:** File all motions in limine to exclude evidence at least ten (10) days before trial.

Failure to comply with any part of this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions.

  
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CATHERINE D. PERRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 13th day of July, 2018.